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All But 2 Foundations Ignored NSA

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There was a recent hue and cry over the fact that Central Intelligence, our No. 1 spy agency, had channeled funds into the National Student Association to help it battle communism.

However, an examination of the files of Rep. Wright Patman's (D-Tex.) Committee on Foundations shows the reason why the CIA moved in. Out of 14 giant foundations with assets of \$7.3 billion—all tax-exempt—only two foundations untied their pursestrings to help the National Student Association combat communism both here and abroad.

These two foundations were Ford and Rockefeller. Ford contributed \$317,571 and Rockefeller \$50,500, which were infinitesimal amounts compared with the huge \$2.3 billion which Ford disbursed and the \$346 million Rockefeller spent during this 16-year period.

Here is the lineup of the other top tax-free foundations of the Nation and what they disbursed from 1951 through 1966:

The Pew Memorial Trust, using Sun Oil Company money, had assets of \$600 million. It gave nothing to the National Student Association but did give \$115,000 to right-wing Harding College in Arkansas and \$205,000 to Dr. Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, including \$5000 for a

newspaper project in India where Dr. Schwarz is active.

The Lilly Endowment, using Lilly Drug profits, has assets of \$337,400,000 but gave nothing to the NSA during a 30-year period—1937-1966. Lilly did contribute \$340,000 to Harding College, center of right-wingism in Arkansas.

The Duke Endowment, using Duke and Bull Durham tobacco profits, has assets of \$663 million; gave away \$9,900,000, but none to the students.

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation, using corn flakes profits, has assets of \$344,600,000 and gave away \$110,300,000 during the 1951-1966 period; nothing to the students.

The John A. Hartford Foundation, using A&P chain store money, has assets of \$342 million and gave away \$99,800,000; nothing to NSA.

The Charles Steward Mott Foundation has assets of \$318,700,000 and gave away \$58 million.

The Carnegie Foundation, using Carnegie Steel profits, has assets of \$289 million and gave away \$136,700,000.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, using General Motors profits, has assets of \$275,700,000 and gave away \$105,600,000; nothing to the students.

The Longwood Foundation, using Du Pont profits, has assets of \$194 million and gave away \$35,400,000; nothing to NSA.

The Rockefeller Brothers

Fund has assets of \$166,500,000 and gave away \$23 million dollars; nothing to NSA.

The Commonwealth Fund of New York has assets of \$146,900,000 and gave away \$75,500,000; nothing to NSA.

Commented Rep. Patman: "Tax-free Andrew Mellon money subsidizes research into such matters as 'The Works of Hugo von Hofmannsthal' and 'The Phenomenology of the Iranian Religious Consciousness' and 'The Origin and Significance of the Decorative Types of Medieval Tombstones in Bosnia and Herzegovina.'"

"The American taxpayer," said Patman, "may soon begin to wonder if a better and more precise reckoning might not now be demanded by the Treasury of the billions of dollars that flow out of the ordinary channels of taxation and into exotic 'scholarship,' while basic education shrivels for lack of money."

No. 1 Greek Prisoner

Andreas Papandreou, the ex-professor of economics at the University of Minnesota and the University of California, now the No. 1 political prisoner of Greece, has been transferred to a new and interesting Athens prison. The prison has a window opening on the street. This is highly unusual. Important political prisoners are not housed in cells with outside windows, and there may be an ulterior motive.

In this case Papandreou's friends suspect the Greek military dictatorship wants to tempt its No. 1 political prisoner to attempt an escape, in which case he could be shot. This would save the dictatorship an embarrassing trial.

The Greek military would love to get Andreas off their hands. If he should try to escape and get shot, or if a political enemy should toss a bomb through his outside window, it would solve the dictatorship's No. 1 prisoner problem.

Arabs Under Israel

The Israeli government is not making the mistake in handling newly occupied Arab territory that it did in treating Arabs inside Israel in past years. It has rushed immediate financial support for the Arab officials and refugees in the newly occupied territory.

Specifically Arab municipalities on the west bank of the Jordan and in the Gaza Strip, formerly held by Egypt, have been given a loan to enable them to pay salaries and other current expenses for one month.

Israeli military authorities are also paying the salaries of former Arab officials now employed under the Israeli military government. Since banks in the west bank area are not open, arrangements have been made to pay June salaries through mobile payment offices.

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